

## OBITUARY.

**D**URING the year 1898 the Tring Museum and *NOVITATES ZOOLOGICAE*, as well as the rest of the scientific world, have sustained very heavy losses.

In June Mr. ALFRED H. EVERETT died from fever, combined with dropsy, contracted during his last voyages. His later expeditions were pursued by ill-luck. His accident on Mindoro has been mentioned in this journal, Vol. II. pp. 64, 486. On the following expeditions he was forestalled on Sumba, Sambawa, and Lombok by Mr. Doherty, and the lawless character of the natives, together with an unfortunate misunderstanding, prevented his reaching the desired high altitudes in Flores and Timor. Nevertheless he accomplished wonderful things, undaunted by severe illness from fever and inflammation of the veins of his half-crippled leg. Volumes II.—V. of this periodical contain accounts of Mr. Everett's ornithological discoveries on Mindoro, Luzon, Lombok, Sumba, Savu, Flores, Timor, Lombok, Pantar, Alor, and South Celebes.

Alfred Hart Everett was born in 1848, on Norfolk Island, where his father held the post of medical officer; but in 1853 his family settled in England, where he was educated. He began to show a strong taste for natural history at an early age, and it was not long before he conceived the idea of becoming an explorer. With this in view he entered the service of the Rajah Brooke of Sarawak. His work on Borneo in nearly all branches of zoology is too well known to require description. From there he made his successful expeditions to the Philippines, and to Palawan and Balabac, collecting chiefly birds for the late Marquis of Tweeddale. Being aware of Mr. Everett's abilities as a collector, the Editors of *NOVITATES ZOOLOGICAE* felt great satisfaction when, during his stay in England in 1894, he offered his services to Mr. Rothschild, and they heartily regret that they are now terminated by his death. Besides collecting birds and insects for the Tring Museum, he did much in other branches of natural history during his last voyages.

There never was a more ardent zoologist than Everett, and when on the sick-bed a few days before his death he talked of nothing but birds and mammals, and of zoogeographical problems and future trips to unexplored islands as soon as he should be strong again. He was a man of quiet manners and of remarkable straightforwardness, and personally as well as a correspondent and man of business there could not have been a more agreeable man to work with.

The same month bereaved the scientific world of Mr. OSBERT SALVIN, F.R.S. This is not the place to write of his fame as an ornithologist and entomologist, and of his admirable character, nor should we be able to do him full justice, but it must be said that he was a true friend to the Editors of this journal, to whom they

are thankful for many acts of kindness and courtesy. The first number of the second volume contains a valuable contribution from his pen, on Peruvian birds collected by Mr. O. T. Baron.

Last winter we further lost Mr. JOHN W. SHARP, a young man who for about two years was assistant in the Entomological Department of the Museum. He took much interest in the fauna of the British Isles, and had a wonderful amount of knowledge of this branch of natural science. He was also a very able collector of entomological specimens. The study of the Coprophagous Lamellicorn Beetles was his favourite subject, and the third and fourth volumes of *NOVITATES ZOOLOGICAE* contain some contributions on that group of insects from his pen. He died of consumption, and his death was much regretted by all who knew him.

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